IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Webler et al. Examiner: Gherbi, Suzette Jaime J.

Application No. 10/712,553 Art Unit 373

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For: VALVE APTATION ASSIST DEVICE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.